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ASHEVILLE YOUTH PRESENT “WHERE WE LIVE”

Asheville, NC – Asheville Parks and Recreation and the W.C. Reid Center for Creative Arts present *Where We Live*, with a performance for area after school programs on Thursday, May 19 at 4:30 p.m. and public performances on Friday, May 20 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 21 at 2 p.m. The play is part of the Reid Center Cultural Renaissance Arts Program with support from the Junior League of Asheville. All performances will be located in the Reid Center auditorium located at 133 Livingston St. Admission is free for children under 18, and \$5 for adults.

Where We Live is a dramatic production focusing on current dangerous conditions in the community. The play, developed and performed by local youth, is based on a poem written by a fourth grader who speaks about her anguished view into the harsh reality of crime, drugs, guns, poverty, violence, fear and despair faced by youth on a daily basis. *Where We Live*, directed by artist-in-residence Houdini, supports the premise that your environment does not dictate your future, and goals and dreams are only realized through making sound choices and decisions, discipline and courage to avoid senseless acts or reactions to violence. The play takes the audience on a dramatically exciting and exhilarating ride through the lives of several characters created by the young actors.

For information or reservations, contact the Reid Center for Creative Arts at (828) 350-2048 or at ReidC@ashevillenc.gov.

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